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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, February 10, 2016 10:30 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Lauwers, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett.

Representative Cole made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 3, 2016. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5056 (Rendon) Agriculture; animals; provision related to regulation of slaughterhouses; repeal.

HB 5059 (Barrett) Agriculture; animals; provision related to started pullets; repeal.

HB 5060 (Sheppard) Agriculture; animals; provision related to livestock and poultry remedies; repeal.

Representatives Rendon, Barrett, and Sheppard reviewed the provisions of the bills with the Committee.

Representative Rendon made a motion to report HB 5056 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (17/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (17/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Sheppard made a motion to report HB 5059 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (17/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (17/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Sheppard made a motion to report HB 5060 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Lauwers, Cole, Franz, Glardon, Johnson, Outman, Rendon, Hughes, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Vaupel, Brunner, Darany, Talabi, Driskell, LaVoy, Garrett. (17/17)

Nays: None. (0/17)

Pass: None. (0/17) (17/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Matt Blakely, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), submitted a card in support of the bills.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 5166 (McBroom) Agriculture; aquaculture; Michigan aquaculture development act; expand to allow aquaculture facilities within the waters of the state.

HB 5167 (Cole) Natural resources; other; aquaculture facilities; authorize and provide for consolidated permitting.

HB 5168 (Cole) Animals; other; definition of aquaculture; provide for in the animal industry act.

Testimony on HB 5166, HB 5167 and HB 5168 was presented by:

Daniel Eichinger, representing the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, in opposition
Dr. Bryan Burroughs, representing Michigan Trout Unlimited, in opposition
Sean Hammond, representing the Michigan Environmental Council, in opposition
Dan Kimmel, representing Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation, in opposition
Matt Blakely, representing MDARD, neutral
Chris Weeks of Lansing, Michigan, neutral

Dr. James Averill, State Veterinarian, answered questions from Committee members and also provided an update on chronic wasting disease.

Marc Smith, representing the National Wildlife Federation, submitted a card in opposition to the bills.

Subsequent to testimony, Chair Lauwers declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:45 a.m.

Representative Dan Lauwers, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538